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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT AND

FABRICATING METHOD THEREFOR

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## AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

ECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

- (Three Times Amended) A semiconductor device having a self-aligned contact, the 1. semiconductor device comprising:
- a plurality of conductive patterns formed to be adjacent to one another by sequentially stacking and patterning a first conductive layer and a mask layer on a particular underlying layer;
  - a first insulation layer filling a gap between adjacent conductive patterns, the first

insulation layer being formed of a first insulating material;